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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the transcript of a letter dated 13 June 1991 by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher on the situation in the south of Iraq, addressed to the Secretary-General. I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 13 June 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany addressed to the Secretary-General

The Federal Government is following the situation in the south of Iraq with great concern. Having welcomed the adoption of Security Council resolution 688 Germany is dismayed by recent reports from several independent sources of brutal acts of repression against the civilian population in that area. These flagrant violations of basic human rights hold the danger of yet another mass exodus of Iraqi civilians in the near future. They certainly hamper all efforts to facilitate the return of the refugees who are still outside the county. By these activities Iraq continues to threaten international peace and stability.

You have already announced that the United Nations is prepared to establish humanitarian centres in the south of Iraq. I would like to encourage you to do so.

As you know Germany has supported programmes of UNHCR, UNICEF and other organizations for the support of Iraqi refugees. Germany is ready to provide further support, if necessary.

I am looking forward to discussing the expanding role of the United Nations during your forthcoming visit to Germany.

Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER
Minister for Foreign Affairs